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→ SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION &

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CONECUH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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RAMAH CHURLU, PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA.

October 10th, 11th and 12th, 1891.

OFFICERS:

R. S. HUGHES, - - - - - - Moderator.
J. D. HUDSON, - - - - - - - - CLERK.

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MINUTES.

THE CONECUH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, of the Primitive Faith and Order, held her Sixty-fourth Annual Session with the church at Ramah, Pike county, Ala., commencing October 10th, 1891. Introductory Sermon by Elder R. S.

Hughes, from Ephesians 2:1.

After a recess of one hour the Messengers from the churches composing the Association, met in the house. Prayer by Elder J. W. Perker, from Choctawhatchie Association. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats with us. Called for and received letters from thirty churches, enrolled Messengers' names, and minuted their state. Election of a Moderator and Clerk being in order, Elder R. S. Hughes was elected Moderator and Elder J. D. Hudson, Clerk. The Moderator then announced the Association organized and ready for business. Committees were appointed as follows:

On Preaching-J. D. Handley, A. J. Pickett, S. R. Tyner,

together with the delegates of Ramah church.

On Documents—Elders R. Jenkins, H. King, S. D. Wiggins. On Finance—J. M. Nall, Eld. A. H. Williamson, W. N. Haves.

Called for Petitionary Letters. None. Appointed Eld. J. A. Mills to write a general corresponding letter to sister Associations. Called for and received correspondence as follows: From Ebenezer Association—Received a letter by the hands

of her messengers, S. M. Baxter and B. J. A. Stringer.

From Clay Bank—Received a package of minutes by the hands of her delegates, Elders Joseph Shields and I. P. Bradley, and Brethren M. B. Free, W. J. Matthews, W. G. Amos.

From Antioch—Received a package of minutes.

From Choctawhatchie—Received a letter and a package of minutes by the hands of her delegates, Elders J. J. Byrd, J. W. Parker, Lee Hancks, and Brethren James Hardzog, W. G.

Flowers, H. Tew, W. G. Hurt, John Pippins, J. M. Dawson, W. Y. Carr, C. J. Zeigler.

From Beulah—No correspondence.

From Sulphur Fork, Texas—Received Elder R. T. Webb and Bro. Bryant Wilson.

From Olive—No correspondence.

Appointed Elders J. D. Hudson and M. V. Gibson to write an expression of our feeling in regard to the death of Elder J. T. Russell and have same printed in these minutes.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Joseph Shields. Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Documents—Reported nothing claiming the attention of the Association. The query from Harmony church was answered by referring them to the Old and New Testaments for a proper answer, and the church was reminded that the Association had not the right to answer doctrinal queries.

On Finance—Reported \$55.60 for Associational purposes, and \$17.60

for Elders Misseldine and Long.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

To Ebenezer Association—To be held with the church at Fort Dale, four miles north of Greenville, commencing Saturday before the First Sabbath in October, 1892, Elders J. A.

Mills and J. N. Benbow and Bro. W. P. Burks.

To Choctawhatchic—To convene with the church at Beersheba, thirteen miles east of Ozark, Dale county, Ala., on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1892, Elders R. Jenkins, H. King, J. A. Mills, S. D. Wiggins, and Brethren T. E. McGowan, J. R. Thompson, J. B. Hattaway, C. M. Whitehurst, W. P. Burks, J. J. Jordan,

To Antioch—To convene with the church at Macedonia, nine miles southeast of Georgiana, Butler county, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the Third Sunday in September, 1892, Elders S. D. Wiggins, R. S. Hughes, and Brethren J. L. Williams, J. D. Handley, N. A. Campbell, J. M. Nall.

To Sulphur Fork (Texas)—To convene with the church at ———twelve miles east of Gilmer, Texas, commencing on Saturday before the First Sunday in October, 1892, Brother

A. W. Roundtree.

To Benlah—To convene with the church at——commencing on Friday before the Third Sunday in September, 1892, voted to send a package of minutes.

To Clay Bank—To convene with the church at Cool

Springs, near Halton post office, Covington county, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1891, Elders H. King, J. A. Mills, S. D. Wiggins, J. D. Hudson, R. S. Hughes, and Brethren J. B Hattaway and J. M. Nall.

To Olive—To convene with the church at Mt. Olive, at Opelika, Ala., commencing on Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1891, Brethren J. R. Thompson, W. P. Burks

and G. A. Jenkins.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District—To convene with the church at Ramah, commencing on Friday before the Third Sunday in July, 1892. Second District—To convene with the church at Union, com-

mencing on Friday before the last Sabbath in August, 1892. Third District—To convene with the church at Mt. Gilead,

commencing on Friday before the First Sunday in August, 1892.

Fourth District—To convene with the church at Goodhope, four miles south of Leon, in Covington county, commencing

on Friday before the last Sabbath in July, 1892.

Appointed the next session of this body to be held with the church at Mt. Pleasant, Montgomery, county, six miles east of Sprague Junction and five miles northeast of Ramah, on the Alabama Midland Railway, on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1892.

Called for the Corresponding Letter, which was presented.

read and adopted.

On motion appointed Elder J. A. Mills to copy the Corresponding Letter and bear the same to the Clay Bank Association, and Bro. W. P. Burks to copy and bear the same to the Olive Association.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved. That we have fifteen hundred copies of these Minutes printed and that the Clerk superintend the printing of the same, paying all expenses out of the funds contributed, and that he retain the remainder for his services: and that four hundred copies be used for corresponding purposes.

On motion the Association granted letters of dismission to the churches composing the Fourth District, and that the Clerk be authorized and in-

structed to write the letters and send them to the churches.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Ramah church and vicinity for ther kindness and hospitality toward us during the present session.

R. S. HUGHES,

J. D. Hudson, Clerk.

Moderator.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

THE CONECUH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, of the Primitive Faith and Order, now in session with Ramah church, Pike county, Alabama.

to Sister Associations with whom she corresponds—Greeting:
DEAR BRETHREN:—The present session of this Association is marked by a full representation from the different churches composing the same, together with a goodly number of corresponding messengers, who come to us bearing the good news of salvation by grace, and our hearts are made to rejoice.

The attendance has been full and the preaching all of peace, all contending for the faith of God's elect. We gladly and joyfully receive your messengers and trust that you will continue to visit us.

We refer you to the body of our minutes for the names of those who have agreed to represent us in the various Associations with which we correspond, and whom we trust you will receive. The next session of this body is appointed to convene with the church at Mt. Pleasant, Montageners country Alabama at our world time when we have to meet your gomery county, Alabama, at our usual time. when we hope to meet your correspondents. R. S. HUGHES, correspondents.

J. D. Hudson. Clerk.

Moderator.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

THE INTRODUCTORY was delivered by Elder R. S. Hughes from

Ephesians 2: 1.

Saturday afternoon the stand was occupied by Elder Joseph Byrd, from Choctawhatchie. Text: "I will abundantly bless her provision and feed her poor with bread, &c.," followed by Elder J. -J. Shields, from Claybank. Text: "Other foundation hath no man laid, than that which beth here being 8.0" hath been laid, &c,"

Sunday forenoon, Elder R. T. Webb, from Texas. Theme: Predestination and the Sovereignty of God, followed by Elder Lee Hancks. Text: II Peter 3: 9.

Sunday afternoon, Elder S. F. Cayce, from Tennessee. Text: I Peter 3: 18, followed by Elder J. W. Parker, from Choctawhatchie, no particular text.

Monday, Elder I. P. Bradley, from Claybank, text not known, followed by Elder P. L. Thomas, from Choctawhatchie. Closed with prayer by

Elder R. T. Webb, from Texas.

Harmony and Love prevailed among the brethren and sisters; the dear Lord seemed to be among his children during the entire meeting. We hope that it will ever be their happy lot to have the Lord with them.

MEMORIAL.

We feel it is our duty to give our dearly beloved brother and faithful minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Elder J. T. Russell, who fell asleep in Jesus, January 5th, 1891, a place in pur minutes. We have greatly missed him in the Association. for his counsel was always good: we have missed him at the stand as he was faithful there and his words were ever instructive. But the good Lord has seen fit to call him from our midst and take to Himself, and we feel that our loss is his gain. So we as a body tender our most heartfelt sympathy to his dear companion and loving family, and will say the same to his yoke-fellows in the ministry. May the good Lord keep us in the bonds of love, so that it may be said for us when the cold hand of death shall take us, well done! thou hast persevered with love to the cause he espoused.

Done by the Association in session at Ramah, October 10th, 2891.

R. S. HUGHES.

I. D. HUDSON, Clerk.

Moderator.

NON-FELLOWSHIP RESOLUTION,

As Adopted by the Association in 1839, and as Amended in 1857.

We will not hold in fellowship any church that holds any member in her that is a member of any of the following institutions, to-wit: Theological Schools. State Conventions. Missionary Societies, Tract Societies, Sunday School Unions, Temperance Societies, nor any other Society that is tributary to the missionary plan as it now exists in the United States. Neither will we knowingly correspond with, or receive correspondence from, any association that holds churches in fellowship holding members in them who are members of any of the above named institutions; together with any other Society claiming to be auxiliary to the Church of Christ: members belonging to the Masonic Fraternity, Odd-Fellows, Sons of Temperance, or Know Nothings, nor any other Secret Society that does exist or hereafter may exist, founded on the wisdom of men.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article I. This Association shall open and close with prayer, unless otherwise determined by the body in session.

Art. 2. Those members who are regularly chosen by the Churches in our Union shall compose the Conecuh River Baptist Association of the Primitive Order.

177. 3. Those members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship: also their number received by Baptism, by Letter, by Youcher, Restored, Dismissed by Letter, Excommunicated, and Dead since our last session.

Art. 4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to infringe on the internal rights of any of the churches.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

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Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and, put questions; he may have the same right of speech in debate as any other member, provided the chair be filled; but shall not vote except the Association be equally divided; in all such cases he shall give the casting vote.

Art. 7. When it shall be necessary to take the voice of the Association by rising from their seats, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to announce the decision before he resumes his seat.

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Art. 8. Any church petitioning by letter and delegates for admission into this body, who, upon examination, shall be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.

Art. 9. Each church in this Association shall have a right to send two Messengers

and no more

Art. 10. Any church presenting a query to this body, shall fairly state the same in writing, in their church letter, which shall be approbated by a majority of the members present before being taken up.

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Art. 11. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the observation af the Association unless withdrawn by the mover.

Art. 12. Any person wishing to speak in debate, shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator only, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or cast personal reflections.

Art. 13. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave of the Association.

Art. 14. There shall be no talking or white personal reflections.

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Art. 15. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the

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Art. 16. These Rules of Decorum shall be read as often as may be deemed necessary.

Art. 17. If any person shall violate these Rules of Decorum, he shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator.

Art 18. It shall be the duty of this Association to promote the general union of the churches, and keep up correspondence with other Associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the churches.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of this Association, when applied to, to give the best advice same; but if it cannot be removed, then she may withdraw from any church or churches, which she may find to be unsound in faith, or immoral in practice.

Art. 20. It shall be the duty of the churches composing this Association, when any difficulty exists between them and a sister church, that the aggrieved shall labor with the aggressor for satisfaction, according to the gospel contained in the 18th chapter of St. Matthew, and falling to obtain satisfaction, then to state their grievance in their letter to the next Association.

Irt. 21. The Clerk of the Association shall be Treasurer, who, shall take charge of the Association funds: who shall receive and pay out, any sums, by order of the Association, and shall be accountable for all money put in his hands by the Association.

Art. 22. It shall be in the power of this Association to change or correct these Rules of

Decorum at any session, when a majority of those present deem it necessary.

Art. 23. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of this Association; shall read and correct the minutes, if necessary, which shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

Art. 24. This Association may adjourn to any time and place she may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that he revealeth himself to his people in his word, under the character of Father, Word and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

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Proof—St. John, i. 1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. I John, v. 7: For there are three that bear record in Heaven—the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost—and these three are one

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the revealed word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Proof—2 Peter, i, 21: For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Tim. iii, 16, 17: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Proof—Romans v. 12. Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Pslams, li, 5: Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

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ART. 4. We believe in man's incapacity to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability. Proof—St John, vi, 44: No man can come to me except the father which sent me draw him. Jeremiah xiii, 23: Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil.

to do evil.

ART. 5. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election. Proof—Ephesians, i, 4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Romans, viii, 30: Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom he called, then he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by his imputed righteousness. Proof—2 Cor., v, 21: For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Jere, xxiii, 6: And this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our righteousness.

ART. 7. We believe that God's elect are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ and called. Proof—Jude 1st verse. Acts, ii, 39: For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off. even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

shall call.

ART. 8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only fit subjects of those ordinances, and the mode of Baptsm is immersion. Proof—Luke, iii, 21, 22: Now when the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus, also being baptized, and praving, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape, like a dove, upon him, and a voice came from heaven which said: Thou art my beloved Non, in thee I am well pleased. Acts, viii, 37, 39: And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariott ostand still, and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Ennuch, and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, and the Eunuch saw him no more, but he went on his way rejoicing. Proof of the Supper—Matt., xxvi. 26, 27: Jesus took bread and blessed it and brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said. Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them. saying. Drink ye all of it.

ART. 9. We believe in washing the saints' feet in a church capacity, immediately after communion. Proof—St. John, xiii. 4, 5: I le riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments, and took a towel and girded himself. After that he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and wipe them with a towel wherewith he was girded. St. John, xiii. 13-15: Ve call me Master and Lord; and ye say well, for so I am. If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

ART. 10. We believe no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, but such as are called of God, as was Aaron: and come under the hands of the prespytery. Proof—Acts. xiii. 2, 3: The Holy Ghost said. Separate me. Barnabas and ART. 8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ,

good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. Acts, xvii, 31: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

ART. 13. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Proof—Pslams, ix, 17: The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. St. Matt., xxv, 46: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal. Rev., xxi, 14: And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away.

NAMES, POST-OFFICES AND AGES OF ORDAINED AND LICENTIATE MINISTERS IN THE CONECUH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

R. F. Misseldine. Olustee Creek, Montgomery county, AlaA	e.e. 83
S. Long, Shirley, Covington county Ala	92
Riley Jenkins, Star Hill, Barbour county, Ala	" 8o
. E. W. Henderson, New Providence, Crenshaw county, Ala	" 53
Hiram King, Henderson, Pike county, Ala	" 73
R. S. Hughes, Oakey Streak, Butler county, Ala	" 61
D. Hudson, Hudson, Crenshaw county. Ala	
W. L. Dauphin, Andalusia, Covington county, Ala	" 53
Y. E. Hughes, ———Covington county, Ala	" 59
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S. D. Wiggins, Shirley, Covington county, Ala	50
L. T. Wells. Shirley, Covington county, Ala	52
M. V. Gibson, Troy, Pike county, Ala	49
C. I. Malloy, Bullock, Crenshaw county, Ala	40
. W. Jones	54
N. Benbow, Highland Home Crenshaw county, Ala	5.1
A. H. Williamson, Rutledge, Crenshaw county, Ala	231
B. A. Walker, Rutledge, Crenshaw county, Ala	
Wm. Lively, Camp Hill, Ala	66
I. A. Mills, Olustee, Creek, Montgomery county, Ala	٠٠ .
R. C. Morrison, Mt. Carmel, Montgomery county, Ala	" 62
H. J. Redd, Camp Hill, Tallapoosa county, Ala	" 43
LICENTIATES.	
H. M. Stuckey, Star Hill, Barbour county, Ala	ge. 50
H. H. Wyatt, Cohort, Crenshaw county, Ala	50, 30
S. S. Carter, Vidette, Crenshaw county, Ala	44
P. Folmar, Cookstand, Crenshaw county, Ala	
W. P. Burks, Montgomery, Montgomery county, Ala	44
W. M. Hays, Stoddridge, Montgomery county, Ala	" 50
E. N. Paulk, Andalusia, Covington county, Ala	50
f. B. Hattaway, Troy. Pike county, Ala	6.
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TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR 1891.

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